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Applicant: Gray et al.

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MALLEABLE SHAFT

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Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Office Action dated
9 March 2000 concerning the above-referenced patent application.

Please amend the application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 36 and 40 without prejudice.

Please amend the following claims.

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- 1 37. (Once Amended) A surgical clamp comprising:
2 an elongate, one-piece, malleable hollow shaft including a distal end and
3 a proximal end;
4 a tissue clamp assembly including first and second movable opposable
5 jaws mounted at the distal end;

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